



W.E.B. N.V. gets all **WET** with the establishment of **W.E.B. Emergency Teams**.

On Tuesday, June 5, Jossy Lacle, director of Water-en Energiebedrijf Aruba, N.V. (W.E.B.) inaugurated and symbolically equipped a new thirty-person team that have undergone months of training to provide full emergency help when needed. W.E.B. N.V., located in Balashi, is Aruba's power plant, providing power and water for Aruba.

The plant, which employs nearly 270 workers, is actually conforming to a law passed in 1989 that businesses with over 100 employees must provide emergency personal on premises at all times while in operation. Glenn Rock, a former firefighter, holds the position of "Emergency Consultant" at W.E.B., responding to all emergency calls. Now, he claims, "we have a much more organized system with individuals that have been trained to respond to every situation, not only a need for First Aid or CPR, but also fire fighting procedures and using a portable defibrillator." The new team is known as the W.E.B. Emergency Team, or WET.

Mr. Lacle also expressed thanks and offered gifts of gratitude to various individuals that assisted in training the team. This included Dr. Ivette Thuis of the San Nicolas Medical Center, who trained team leaders Donna Joseph and Glenn Rock to be CPR and First Aid Instructors certified by the American Heart Association, so they in turn could trained the team. Errol Brown of Valero trained WET volunteers to be firefighters, and Milka Schoop-Wernet of the Horacio Oduber Hospital offered valuable assistance in the organization and implementation of the emergency team.

Glenn Rock stated that most of the volunteers had some sort of training in one of the disciplines, but now they are competent to respond to any situation. The new system is more organized and efficient, as single units, positioned in the different departments of W.E.B., are able to assess the extent of an emergency and call in others from the team to assist. Since W.E.B. operates on a twenty-four hour basis, there is a need for an emergency team available on each shift, and that is now possible.

Jossy Lacle expressed his pride in the staff that cared to take the time to train so they could always be ready to help their fellow workers in case of injury or emergencies. He applauded their community spirit and devotion to the effort to offer the best working conditions for all at W.E.B. N.V.